



The Colonial Courier

REGION 4 NEWSLETTER

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Please distribute this newsletter to your chapter members!

A Message from our Chair - Lara T. Bailey, RW-NAC

Hello everyone!

The Maine summer has been a treat for me, and I hope your summer has been good to you too. Before you know it, the leaves will be turning into brilliant fall colors.

The Joint Fall Forum in Niagara Falls, ON is upon us! We'll be joining our friends from eastern Canada in Region 8 for this incredible event. The Forum begins with Course 213 on Sept 30, and continues with Course 104 and Course 800C. Oct 2 is the Education Seminar, and Oct 3 is the business meeting. **Please plan to attend as much as you can!** The registration form and other information are included within this newsletter. Chapter 16 will be providing their assistance with registration and other areas as needed. **Do you have your passport yet?**

Sponsorship is also very important for any Forum. And since this is a Joint Forum **all Chapters are encouraged to be a sponsor for this Forum.** It can be as little or as much as your Chapter would like to sponsor. **We've already heard from Chapter 16 who is donating \$500, and Chapter 18 who is donating \$1,000!** Thank you very much! **We also encourage companies throughout Region 4 to be a sponsor. The sponsor form is included within this newsletter.** Your donations are greatly appreciated and will help to offset Region 4's expenses associated with the Joint Forum. Sponsors will be recognized at the Forum for their generosity. Discuss it with your board and let Shelby Hicks, SR/WA or me know if your Chapter or company is willing to step up to help this great event!

The Forum agenda will include all of the business that Region 4 and Region 8 usually discuss. We will all be together for the meeting except for a period of time when the Regions will break

out into separate groups to discuss their respective education schedules. Please remember to **send your 3-year education plan to Dave Wood by Sept 21** so that he can incorporate all of the requests into one spreadsheet in time for the Forum.

In addition to Chapter Presidents attending the Forum, our Directors, Region Reps, Education Chairs and Membership Chairs should all plan to attend. **Why not use some of your Chapter funds to assist more Chapter members to attend a Forum? What a great way to give back to your members!**

As you attend your Chapter board meetings during the remainder of the year, please remember to discuss the need to change the fiscal year from July 1 to June 30 to be in compliance with the IRWA bylaws. This would mean installing officers for 18 months from Jan 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, or keeping the existing officers for another 6 month term (Jan to June 2010) then installing new officers for July 1, 2010 to June 20, 2011. Installations beginning in 2010 would need to occur in May or June.

Our Region Travel Fund is getting good use this year. And the more funds we have the more we can give to our Region Reps to benefit from it. **Thank you to those Chapters who have contributed** – you've made it possible for some to be partially funded through your generosity. I hope that the Chapters who have not yet contributed will see the need for the Travel Fund and be willing to be a part of this important Region business.

Region Reps, please e-mail me your most recent International Committee report or minutes so I can forward them to the Chapter Presidents for distribution. **Please e-mail them to me by Sept 21 so the Presidents have time to review them before the Forum.** Thank you for serving in this important position.

I'm looking forward to seeing you in Niagara! Be safe and stay happy!

Lara

Spring Forum 2009

Thank you Chapter 15 for hosting a great Spring Forum. Minutes are posted on the Region 4 resources located on the IRWA web site.

IRWA on Facebook

Did you know that IRWA is on Facebook? Become a fan and connect with many other IRWA professionals! Check it out at the following link:

<http://www.facebook.com/search/?init=srp&sfxp=&q=International+Right+of+Way+Association/pages/International-Right-of-Way-Association/88967538052?ref=search&sid=1022031243.126272149..1>



INTERNATIONAL RIGHT OF WAY ASSOCIATION
REGION 4 & REGION 8 JOINT FALL FORUM

September 1, 2009

Dear Right of Way Professional,

As we all know, in today's environment it is vital to have the best tools to perform our jobs. Right of way professionals must be armed educationally to do their jobs well. The bottom line is increased productivity enhanced by the quality of rights acquired and good relations with the public.

The International Right of Way Association is without question the premier educator for right of way in North America. Colonial Region 4 and Region 8 in Eastern Canada will be hosting the Joint Region Fall Forum in Niagara, ON from September 30 through October 3, 2009. We ask for your support of Region 4 in its efforts to continue quality programming by becoming a sponsor of the Joint Forum. We would also appreciate your help in promoting the Joint Forum as an educational forum for Right of Way professionals in your company.

Below are the various tier levels of sponsorship. All sponsors will be recognized at the Joint Forum for your generosity. We hope you will join other companies in Region 4 which are engaged in the right of way profession in supporting this outstanding educational event. Your sponsorship is greatly appreciated!

Please complete the sponsor information below and send with your check made payable to IRWA Chapter 16 to Betsy Bosiak, NH DOT – ROW, 7 Hazen Dr – Rm 100, Concord, NH 03302-0483.

Platinum – \$1,000 or more – please indicate amount - \$ _____

Gold – \$750-\$999

Silver – \$500-\$749

Bronze – \$250-499

Patron – \$100-\$249

Your Name and Title _____

Your phone _____

Your e-mail _____

Company Name _____

Address _____

Briefly describe your company _____

Please contact me at redhead614@verizon.net or Lara Bailey at ltbailey@spectraenergy.com if you have any questions. Additional information about the IRWA can be found on-line at www.irwaonline.org. Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Shelby J. Hicks, SR/WA

AGENDA

Friday, October 2, 2009 (Oakes South)

- 7:30am **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 8:15am **Opening Remarks**
- 8:30am **MAYOR'S WELCOME**
Mayor R. T (Ted) Salci ,
- 9:00am **IRWA The Next 50 Years**
D. A (Sandy) Grigg, SR/WA
- 10:00am **ABORIGINAL CONSULTATION:
FROM DUTY TO OPPORTUNITY**
R. D. Waldon, Bedford Consulting
- 11:00am **EXPROPRIATION IN THE TIME OF
RAPID INFRASTRUCTURE SPENDING**
*Stephen Waqué - Senior Partner
BORDEN LADNER GERVAIS LLP*
- 12:00pm **Lunch Buffet 'A Cut Above' Steakhouse**
Sheraton Fallsview Hotel
- 1:15pm **CHANGE YOUR STORY: CHANGE YOUR LIFE**
Harold Pankrac, Union Gas Limited
- 2:00pm **BRUCE TO MILTON TRANSMISSION LINE
Project - Hydro One's Approach to
Property Rights Acquisition**
*Gary Schneider, Director
Hydro One Networks Inc.*
- 3:15pm **Special Recognition Awards**
- 3:30pm **Chapter 29 General Business
Installation of 2010 Executive Board and
Chairs
Closing Remarks & Door Prizes**

Courses

Wed. September 30 - Thurs. October 1, 2009

- 8:00 am **Course 800C Principles of Real Estate
Law (Hennepin North)**

Wednesday, September 30, 2009

- 8:00 am **Course 213 - Conflict Management
(Auditorium)**

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- 8:00 am **Course 104 - Standards of Practice
(Auditorium)**

Hospitality

Thursday, October 1, 2009

- 5:00 pm **50th Anniversary Celebration
Fallsview Private Dining Room**

Friday, October 2, 2009

- 5:00 pm **Hospitality Sponsored by Region 4
Fallsview Private Dining Room**

Joint Region Fall Forum

Saturday, October 3, 2009 (Salon A)

- 8:00 am **Joint Fall Forum Region 4 and 8**



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ONTARIO CHAPTER 29

Proudly Celebrating 50 years

presents the

2009 FALL EDUCATION SEMINAR



FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2009

8:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sheraton Fallsview Hotel & Conference Centre

6755 Fallsview Drive, Niagara Falls, Ontario



Sheraton Fallsview

HOTEL & CONFERENCE CENTRE
NIAGARA FALLS

6755 Fallsview Blvd, Niagara Falls, ON, Canada L2G 3W7

Hotel Reservation Information International Right of Way Association

Dates: September 30 to October 3, 2009

Group Code – IRI29A

Rooms will be held until **August 30, 2009** or until they are all reserved, whichever is first, so book early!

Room Type	Single/Double	Triple	Quad
Cityview	\$130.00	\$150.00	\$170.00
Fallsview	\$160.00	\$180.00	\$200.00 * Limited number of Fallsview Available

Please note: The above-noted rates include self-parking.

NOTE: The above rates are quoted in Canadian dollars, per night based on single or double occupancy and are subject to applicable taxes and fees (5% GST, 5% PST, 3% DDMF). Please check with the reservation sales agent at the time of booking to determine the approximate amount in U.S dollars.

A valid credit card number with expiry date will be required to make a reservation. Cancellation policy is 72 hours prior to arrival. Any reservation cancelled within 72 hours of arrival is subject to a one night's room and tax penalty charge.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATION, PLEASE HAVE ONLY ONE PERSON FOR EACH ROOM PHONE IN THE RESERVATION. You will be able to book your reservation and receive immediate confirmation from one of our Reservation Agents.

DO NOT MAIL THIS CARD - TELEPHONE RESERVATIONS ONLY
Toll Free ~ 1-877-353-2557 or Local ~ 905-374-1077

From Toronto, Ontario

Take the QEW to Niagara, exiting at McLeod Rd. At the stop lights turn left onto McLeod Rd. Travel along McLeod to the fourth set of lights, turn Left on Stanley Avenue. The Sheraton Fallsview is on the right side (2 blocks).

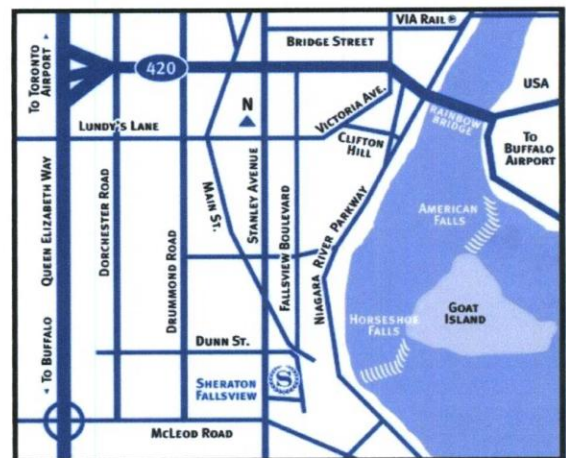
From Rochester/Buffalo New York via Peace Bridge

Take the I90 West to Buffalo and follow signs to the Peace Bridge. Once through Customs (ensuring you are carrying proper I.D.) you will be travelling on the QEW toward Niagara Falls, Ontario. Take the McLeod Rd. exit, turn right. Travel along McLeod to the fourth set of lights, turn Left on Stanley Avenue. The Sheraton Fallsview is on the right side (2 blocks).

Note: From the Buffalo Airport take HWY #33 to 198 West, to I90.

From Buffalo via Niagara Falls, NY via the Rainbow Bridge

Take the 290 North to the I90 North across Grand Island (Toll Bridge). After crossing Grand Island Bridge, take the first exit, Robert Moses Pkwy. Follow signs to Niagara Falls/Bridge to Canada. Once through customs (ensuring you are carrying proper I.D.) head straight along HWY # 420. The second set of lights is Stanley Ave., turn left.



Focus on Class Scheduling

Here are three things you need to know about IRWA's Education Program, effective immediately:

1. Pre-Printed Class Rosters

- Pre-printed class rosters will be sent to Course Coordinators on the Monday of the week before the class start date. If you are coordinating a class, be sure to check your email sometime during the week preceding the class.
- Roster will include names and contact information for all participants who registered either online or through the IRWA offices. Upon arrival, please have these registrants verify their information and initial the roster.
- Roster will NOT include names or contact information for all participants who registered at the chapter level. Chapter registrants, and any walk-in registrants, should fill in their information on the blank roster pages.
- The goal of the above is to assist the course coordinators by increasing efficiency on the morning of the class.

2. IRWA 2010-2012 Course Interest Survey

- The results of the Course Interest Survey are now online → www.irwaonline.org

3. New Course Sponsorship & Marketing Agreement (CSMA) Deadlines

Effective August 15, 2009:

- Maximize Marketing: More time for marketing – submit forms earlier and order materials later! We now ask that completed CSMA forms be submitted at least 3 months prior to the class start date! However, you can order course materials up to two weeks prior to class start date (additional rush fees may apply).
- Advantage Program: Earn your chapter one chance to win an All-Expense-Paid Trip to the 2010 Annual conference in Calgary, AB, simply by submitting the CSMA form on time!
- Give your chapter every advantage to market your chapter's classes and increase participation by scheduling classes early! More details about the Advantage Program to follow in the September "Focus on Class Scheduling" e-zine.

Empire State Chapter 18 – Summer Symposium

The Education Summer Symposium was a great success – congratulations, Chapter 18! The presentations were on a variety of right of way issues and topics and the presenters offered a wealth of knowledge and experience. Mark your calendars for next year's symposium on August 19.

Online Learning Center

IRWA Course 104, Standards of Practice for the Right of Way Professional, and Course 600, Environmental Awareness are now available in an online format. The tuition fee is \$265 for members and \$330 for non-members. Many more IRWA courses are in development for online release. These courses are scheduled to be available by the end of 2009. Reminder: Online recertification packages will soon be available. IRWA is developing online continuing education packages composed of both IRWA courses and Business Training Library seminars that will be available for each specific Designation and Certification recertification program.

Member Milestones

CONGRATULATIONS to the following Region 4 members who were acknowledged in the March/April, May/June, and July/August issues of Right of Way magazine for achieving their educational milestones!

SR/WA Recipients

Chapter 14	James D. Raby, SR/WA	Chapter 16	Scott N. Lachance, SR/WA
Chapter 52	Bruce W. Agnew, SR/WA	Chapter 52	James Ratliff, SR/WA
Chapter 14	Craig J. Curtis, SR/WA	Chapter 52	Rebecca S. White, SR/WA
Chapter 52	Donald R. White, SR/WA	Chapter 52	Beth H. Buckley, SR/WA
Chapter 55	Karen Coon, SR/WA	Chapter 55	Daniel K. Bucan, SR/WA
Chapter 56	Brian A. O'Neil, SR/WA		

SR/WA Recertification

Chapter 9	Philip B. Hubbard, SR/WA	Chapter 15	Walter Scharfenberg, SR/WA
Chapter 18	Stephen J. Adams, SR/WA	Chapter 52	Stephen A. Price, SR/WA
Chapter 14	Gerard A. Krebs, SR/WA	Chapter 56	Deena Elborn-Hazel, SR/WA
Chapter 14	Thomas G. Heimiller, SR/WA	Chapter 18	Frank P. Cirillo, SR/WA

R/W Certification

Chapter 15 Robert W. Ravell, R/W-NAC

R/W Recertification

Chapter 56 Deena M. Elborn-Hazel, R/W-NAC Chapter 55 Rufus Dingess, Jr. R/W-RAC
Chapter 16 Michael J. McParland, R/W-RAC

Riddles

What can you catch but not throw?

Feed it and it will live, give it water and it will die. What am I?

What goes up and down stairs without moving?

Answers located in Tidbits from the Vice Chair.

Region 4 Chapter of the Year

A new form has been developed for this award. Each President will receive the new form. The form will need to be filled out and returned to the Vice Chair on or before February 1, 2010. The award will be for calendar year 2009 and the winner will be announced at our Spring Forum.

Branding Survey

To those members that participated in the Branding Survey, Thank You. Your feedback provided valuable data in the effort to brand the IRWA to potential members and the general public. I'm sure we will hear much more on the branding initiative in the near future.

Annual State of the Association

A recap of IRWA activities and performance is now available online. You can view the 2008-2009 IEC summary of Action and the EVP's report to the Board of Directors.

Future Forum Sites and Dates

Fall 2009	Niagara Falls, ON (Joint Meeting)	Sept 30-Oct 3
Spring 2010	Allegheny Chapter 55	TBA
Fall 2010	Connecticut Chapter 23	TBA
Spring 2011	Old Dominion chapter 52	TBA
Fall 2011	Delmarva Chapter 56	TBA

Future Conference Sites and Dates

June 27 – 30, 2010	Calgary, Alberta
June 12 – 15, 2011	Atlanta, GA
June 2012	Seattle, WA
June 2013	Charleston, WV
June 2014	Hartford , CT

Region 4 International Committee Representatives

Below is a current listing of our Region Representatives for each of the International Committees. We have one vacancy, Asset Management committee. If you are interested or know someone who is interested in becoming a Region 4 Representative please let Lara or me know. Each Region Representative is responsible for communicating with the Chair and Vice Chair of the International committee they are representing. In turn, they will provide the corresponding Chapter Committee and /or Chapter Presidents with reports and other information from the Committee to be disseminated to the membership. Remember this is an important function and was the reason the Region established a Region Travel Fund.

COMMITTEE	REPRESENTATIVE	CH	PHONE #	EMAIL
ASSET MANAGEMENT	Vacant			-
COMMUNICATION & MARKETING	MIKE JONES, SR/WA	14	410-841-1065	mjones4@sha.state.md.us
ENVIRONMENT	SHELBY HICKS, SR/WA	14	410-841-1060	shicks@sha.state.md.us
LOCAL PUBLIC AGENCY	JOHN GIANGRANT, SR/WA	56	302-734-9188	jgiangrant@centuryeng.com
NOMINATION & ELECTIONS	GINA ANTHONY, SR/WA	14	410-545-0021	ganthony@sha.state.md.us
PIPELINE	MICHAEL M. BAKER	9	484-232-4112	mbaker@buckeye.com
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	FRANK CIRILLO, SR/WA	18	716-847-3165	frankcirillo@roadrunner.com
RELOCATION	MIKE MCPARLAND, SR/WA	16	410-922-2860	auxillium@aol.com
SURVEYING	JOHN ROBERTS	16	207-883-1133	jroberts@maineturnpike.com
TRANSPORTATION	MIKE JONES, SR/WA	14	410-841-1065	mjones4@sha.state.md.us
UTILITIES	ELIZABETH A. KELLY, SR/WA	16	978-469-1652	elizabeth.a.kelly@verizon.com
VALUATION	PHYLLIS LILLY	52	804-524-6320	phyllis.lilly@vdot.virginia.gov

IRWA Web Site Links

Check out these links for important news and benefits for YOU, the IRWA member!

[IRWA News](#)

[Leadership Resources](#)

[Industry News](#)

[Your Course History](#)

[Benefits of Membership](#)

Tidbits from the Vice Chair

Unfortunately I was unable to attend our Spring Forum in Atlantic City. However, I understand from those in attendance and by reading the minutes it was a very productive meeting and Chapter 15 was a great host. Our upcoming Joint Fall Forum being held in Niagara Falls, Canada will be a first for me. I'm very excited to attend this meeting to receive and share information with Region 8.

Those of us that were able to attend the Annual International Education Conference in Indianapolis were kept busy attending meetings, educational breakout sessions, exploring the exhibit hall full of vendors and of course social and award events. The highlight of the conference for me was the keynote speaker for the opening ceremony Frank W. Abagnale. He is a great speaker and if you every get the chance to hear him speak I'm sure you will have the same opinion. Mr. Abagnale also conducted a break out session (standing room only) on fraud which was amazing and very informative. Conference photo gallery is now online, check it out on the IRWA website. Below are two photos taken by Mike Jones.



Riddle answers: a cold, fire, and carpet.

Do you have something to share?

Send any information you would like to be considered for the newsletter to me via e-mail. We'd appreciate your feedback on the newsletter – is it useful, does it contain appropriate information (just right, too much, too little), is it timely, etc. E-mail your thoughts, suggestions and contributions to dave.wood@state.de.us or DavidWood22@comcast.net.

Thanks!

